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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Too often internet service providers operate as monopolies in many communities. Local providers offer an alternative and quality service to communities. The push needs to be towards more diverse systems rather than monopolies. today the internet is an integral part of society. When there is a lack of diversity, major failure scenarios are imminent. Where there is competition and local providers who can respond to local issues, there is security. Please keep internet service open to competition! Thank you!

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